

Weekly Status & Information Report  
October 29 – November 2, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of November 5, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, November 5, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- City Manager Selection Task Force meeting, Wednesday, November 7, 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room
- Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, Thursday, November 8, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Recreation Committee meeting, Thursday, November 8, 7:00 p.m. in the Lilac Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

2. Hurricane Sandy Follow-up: Thanks to the police and public works staff who worked before, during and following the storm earlier this week! Items scheduled for last week's City Council meeting will be considered at this coming Monday's Council meeting. Last Tuesday's missed trash and recycling collection will take place on Saturday. The City will collect tree debris from the storm through the regular Monday yard waste collection program. Please note: Branches must be smaller than 3 inches in diameter and less than 4 feet long. Leaves, twigs and vines are collected through this weekly program as well. Items should be in large paper bags or stiff sided containers. Branches larger than 3 inches in diameter, tree stumps or sections of tree trunks will not be collected by City crews. Residents will need to arrange for removal of large tree branches or tree trucks through a private contractor. (Deputy City Manager)

3. Day of the Dead Performance - Tonight: We are Takoma and De Colores Mexican Folk Dance Company celebrate the Mexican Day of the Dead tonight at 7:30 pm in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. Accompanied by the acoustic guitar-led strains of mariachi and norteño, and clothed in a variety of vivid, traditional gear from fringed jackets with Aztec motifs to fanciful home-crafted masks, the De Colores Mexican Folk Dance Company will impress you with its foot-stomping and intricate paired choreography. The celebration includes an "ofrenda" (Offering for the Dead). Free Admission. Please visit [www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events](http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events). (Housing and Community Development)

4. International Games Day: Tomorrow, Saturday, November 3, we're celebrating International Games Day @ Your Library with a rousing game of Dungeons & Dragons from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Our program, part of a national celebration of International Games Day @ Your Library, will be led by Dave Burbank, library assistant and veteran D&D master. Spaces are limited, and registration is required. To register, go to [www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html](http://www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html) or call us at (301) 891-7259. We also welcome people who are just interested in watching participants play this creative, cooperative game. (Library)

5. Bedtime Stories Program: Our monthly Bedtime Stories program will take place on Monday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. Babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents are welcome to come and sing songs and rhymes, do some brief and fun relaxation exercises, and read some stories. No registration required; p.j.s, blankets and stuffed animals are optional! (Library)

6. Cancellation - Circle Time: Circle Time is canceled for Tuesday, November 6 to ensure that we have enough parking spaces for voters going to Piney Branch Elementary School. Circle Time will resume the following Tuesday, November 13. (Library)

7. Crossroads Farmers Market Adds a Day: Due to storm conditions earlier this week, Crossroads Farmers Market was closed. However, the Market will be open on Wednesday, November 7, for the official end of the season with special activities planned for shoppers. Transportation by Recreation bus will be provided for seniors beginning at 3:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, at 301-891-7280 or [PaulaL@takomagov.org](mailto:PaulaL@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

8. Magic Mountain: The Friends Reading Group will continue discussion of "The Magic Mountain" by Thomas Mann on Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All are welcome. (Library)

9. Seniors Get Legal Help: Are your affairs in order? Do you have questions about wills, living wills, power-of-attorney, and advance funeral planning? Seniors can come to the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue) this month and have their legal questions answered by an attorney from the Maryland Legal Aid Program. Speakers include Kate Lang, Staff Attorney, Legal Services for Seniors, and LaVerne Ross, Advance Planning Counselor. This is a free legal aid program to be held on Wednesday, November 7, at 12:00 p.m. in the Lilac Room. Call-in registration is required. For more information and to register, please call Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, at 301-891-7280 or [PaulaL@takomagov.org](mailto:PaulaL@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

10. Tree Planting In New Hampshire Gardens Neighborhood: The City will be planting overstory trees in the New Hampshire Gardens neighborhood on Thursday and Friday, November 8 and 9. These trees are replacements for trees removed during the new sidewalk construction. Additional tree planting will take place later in the month. (Public Works)

11. Mountains and Valleys Exhibit Opening - Friday, November 9: Celebrate the art of book this coming Friday in the Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center. This is a great opportunity to meet the artists and explore of the art of the Concertina book. Participating in the exhibit are area artists Patti Harden, Patty Lee, Shireen Holman, Estefania Salas Llopis, Carol Beane, Renee Stout, Anu Das, Bonnie Lee Holland, Eileen Martin, Kari Minnick, Marilyn Grelle and Sushmita Mazumdar. This event will be held on Friday, November 9, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Admission is free. Visit [www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events](http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events). (Housing and Community Development)

12. Montgomery County BRT Community Meetings: The Montgomery County Planning Department is working on a bus rapid

transit (BRT) network for the county, including a proposed line on New Hampshire Avenue. County planners will be discussing the plan at community meetings, starting November 13, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., at Montgomery Blair High School, 51 University Boulevard East, Silver Spring. To learn more about the project and other community meetings, see [www.montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/highways/brt.shtm](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/highways/brt.shtm). (Housing and Community Development)

13. Winter Basketball League Coaches Meeting: On November 15, 2012 we will be having our annual coaches meeting for all the coaches of our upcoming Winter Basketball League. Contact with the coaches will be made to ensure that all coaches attend our mandatory meeting. We will start preparing our programs and specific information will be given to the coaches in order to have everyone on the same page, and once again have another successful season. (Recreation)

14. Bikeways Enhancements Open House - Thursday, November 8: The City is enhancing bicycle wayfinding in Takoma Park with new Signed Bike Routes along Elm and Poplar Avenues and an updated bike map at Sligo Creek. Learn about the City's bikeways improvements and share your input at an Open House hosted by City Staff on Thursday, November 8, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Please visit [www.thenewave.com/do/bikeways-open-house](http://www.thenewave.com/do/bikeways-open-house) (<http://www.thenewave.com/do/bikeways-open-house>). (Housing and Community Development)

15. Pedestrian Safety Workshops: Safe Routes to School Coordinator conducted two pedestrian safety workshops for first and second graders at East Silver Spring Elementary School, with six additional workshops planned over the next few weeks. (Housing and Community Development)

16. Friends' Book Sale: The Friends of the Library's October 27 book sale raised just over \$2,900, which will go towards Library programs and materials. Many thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers, who carried boxes of books in and out of the Library, staffed the book sale tables and otherwise made our sale so successful. (Library)

17. Halloween in Takoma Park: The annual Halloween Costume Contest, Parade and Festivities were a smashing success! The weather held out as hundreds of Takoma Park's finest ghosts, goblins and monsters enjoyed the festivities on Saturday, October 27. There were games, activities and Takoma Park's own "The Grandsons, Jr." performed. The Recreation Department would like to thank all those that participated, staff, and of course, the judges. Please take a minute to complete the short online survey at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation) to help us prepare for next year's event. (Recreation)

18. Rookie Sports starts at the Recreation Center: Rookie Sports began at Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave) on Saturday, October 27. Rookie sports is a program where youth ages 3-5 are introduced to sports such as soccer, T-ball/softball, basketball, floor hockey, kickball, and other sports and group games. This program is held on Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and there is still space available! For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

19. Classes begin Monday, November 5: On Monday, November 5, the Recreation Department will hold its second session of Aerobics and Yoga-Nidra. There are still a few spaces remaining in both of these excellent programs. Aerobics is an upbeat, energetic class that is sure to get your body moving. This is a great workout for all fitness enthusiasts. It combines cardiovascular training and toning exercises for a superior total body workout. Yoga-Nidra is a meditative practice that helps reduce stress, increases general physical and mental well-being, and brings greater ease and joy into everyday life. Students are guided through the meditation while lying on a yoga mat and blankets or seated in a comfortable resting position. Both classes are held in the Dance Studio of the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). To register online, please visit [www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation) or for additional information, please call Lew McAllister at (301)891-7284. (Recreation)

20. Winter Basketball League is Gearing Up!: Winter Basketball League registration is continuing with some divisions almost full! Register today - before your child's particular age group fills. The league is for grades K-8. Don't miss out! Sign up today at [www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation](http://www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation) or call (301) 891-7290. See below for number of open spaces still available in each division:

- Kindergarten: 16
  - 1st Grade: 30
  - 2nd Grade: 19
  - 3rd & 4th Grade (Boys): 46
  - 3rd & 4th Grade (Girls): 7
  - 5th & 6th Grade (Boys): 8
  - 5th & 6th Grade (Girls): 5
  - 7th & 8th Grade: 24
- (Recreation)

21. Winter Break Camp - Register Today!: Parents have you decided on what to do with your little bundles of joy during the winter vacation? Not yet? Well, the Takoma Park Recreation Department is inviting you to "Winter Wonderland". This 3-day winter break camp will allow you to add some excitement to your child's holiday. Participants will enjoy games, crafts and holiday fun at the Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). Children should bring a non-perishable lunch each day. Open to ages 5 - 11 yrs. and runs from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on December 26-28 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday). Before and aftercare is also available. Only \$85 for Takoma Park residents...Sign up today! For additional information, please contact the Recreation Department at (301) 891-7290. (Recreation)

22. Teens Ski and Snowboard Club: Did you know Takoma Park Teens have a Ski and Snowboard Club? The TP Ski/Snowboard Club will run from January to mid-March 2013 and is open to youth ages 11-18. The club offers access to 3 ski resorts which gives YOU unlimited evening access during the winter 2013 ski season. Registration is underway and space is limited, so register today. For more information, please contact Leicia Monfort at (301) 891-7283 or LeiciaM@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

23. Officers in Training: On October 30 and November 1, various officers attended the 2012 Patrol Rifle Range firearms qualifications at the MPCTC Firearms Training Facility in Sykesville. (Police)

24. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (October 26 – November 1, 2012) may be viewed online at <http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/11/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html>. (Police)

25. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 31 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, two Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic and one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic.

During October 26-27, 2012, the following details were completed:

October 26, 2012

- Maple Avenue & Hilltop Avenue (do not enter sign enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.
- Maple Avenue & Ritchie Avenue (new traffic control sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.

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